Today, each switch in BST's telecommunications network, with one exception, is capable of handling CACs containing either three or expanded four digit CIC. Our Stone Mountain, Georgia switch, SNMTGALR46A, is scheduled for replacement and four digit capability will be available by April 8, 1995.

If you or your staff have questions relative to this notification, please contact your Interexchange Carrier Support Center (ICSC) or your BellSouth Account Team Representative.

Sincerely,

Sales Vice President

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EXHIBIT "8-a"



P.O. Box 53 600 New Century Parkway New Century, KS 6603 | Telephone: (913) 791-4600

(913) 791-4668

March 6, 1995

Connie Mitchell, VP Corp Svcs VarTec Telecom, Inc. 3200 West Pleasant Run Rd., Ste 100 Lancaster, TX 75146

Dear Ms. Mitchell;

-- Four Digit CIC Expansion Capability Implemented --

Effective April 1, 1995. Sprint/Local Telecommunications Division (S/LTD) will be modifying our post conversion CARE processing to accommodate the expansion of CICs to four digits to comply with industry standards. While S/LTD will be able to provision 4 digit CICs April 1, Access Customers (ACs) are not required to implement 4 digit CICs with S/LTD. Instead, S/LTD will have the ability to process either the new 4 digit CICs or continue to support the existing 3 digit format for the Bellcore prescribed 5-year permissive period. Access Customers wishing to implement 4 digit CICs must submit an Access Service Request (ASR) following normal procedures to request activation of new 4 digit CIC(s) in S/LTD's territory.

The following describes how S/LTD's version of CARE will process CICs after this software release.

- On inbound CARE transaction processing (AC to S/LTD), programming will be modified to check the Future CIC field of the CARE detail record, positions 433-436. If the Future CIC field value is not blanks, spaces, or is greater than '0000', then S/LTD will utilize the value in these positions to process the FIC transaction. Conversely, if blanks, spaces, or zeros appear in the Future CIC field (pos 433-436), S/LTD will use the 3 digit CIC appearing in positions 5-6 of the detail CARE record like normal. No changes will be made in the header or trailer records.
- On outbound CARE transaction processing (S/LTD to AC), programming will be modified to populate both the current CIC (positions 5-7) and future CIC (positions 433-436) fields of the CARE detail record. The future CIC field will be in the format of OCIC. The CIC field (pos 5-7) of the detail record will be populated with the 3 digit CIC as usual for a period of time, unless the first position of the 4 digit CIC is anything other than a zero (0).

Please note the above discussion is limited to POST CONVERSION only. S/LTD's pre-conversion balloting vendor (NIS) will be modifying CIC fields following similar procedures but at a separate time, pending negotiation.

Should you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sherri Herren

Carrier Service Manager

x: Diane Lamoreaux

EXHIBIT "8-b"

United Telephone – Eastern

1201 Walnut Bottom Road P.O. Box 1201 Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013-0905

March 13, 1995

VarTec National, Inc. Ms. Shirley Berryman 3200 W. Pleasant Run Rd. Lancaster, TX 75146

TO UNITED'S CARE DOCUMENTATION RECIPIENTS:

RE: Four Digit CIC Expansion Capability

Effective April 1, 1995, United will be modifying our POSTCONVERSION CARE processing to accommodate the expansion of CICs to four (4) digits to comply with industry standard. While United will be able to provision four (4) digit CICs April 1st, Access Customer (Acs) are not required to implement four (4) digit CICs. Instead, United will have the ability to process either the new four (4) digit CICs or continue to support the existing three (3) digit format for the Bellcore prescribed 5-year permissive period. Access Customers wishing to implement four (4) digit CICs must submit an Access Service Request (ASR) following normal procedures to request activation of new four (4) digit CICs in United's territory.

The following depicts how United's version of CARE will process CICs after this software release:

On inbound CARE transaction processing (AC to United) will be modified to check the future CIC field of the CARE detail record, positions 433-436. If the future CIC field value is not blanks, spaces or is greater than '0000', then United will utilize the value in these positions to process the PIC transaction. Conversely, if blanks, spaces or zeros appear in the future CIC field United will use the three (3) digit CIC appearing in positions 5-7 of the detail CARE record. No changes will be made in the header or trailer records.

Our outbound CARE transaction processing (United to AC) will be modified to populate both the current CIC (positions 5-7) and future CIC (positions 433-436) fields of the CARE detail record. The current CIC field of the detail record will be populated with the three (3) digit CIC, unless the first position of the four (4) digit CIC is anything other than a zero (0). The future CIC field will be in the format of OCIC.

Please note this software release is limited to 'POSTCONVERSION' only. United's preconversion balloting vendor (NIS) will be modifying CIC fields at a separate time.

If you have any questions please call me at 717-245-6633.

Sincerely,

Alonna & Kennedy Donna J. Kennedy

Asst. Carrier Relations

Account Manager

EXHIBIT "8-c"



Box 165000, MC 5322 Altamonte Springs, Florida 32716-5000 Telephone: 407-889-6266 Fax: 407-884-7020

Terry Varnadoe
Account Consultant

March 27, 1995

Donna Hughes
VarTec Telecom, Inc.
3200 W. Pleasant Run Road
Lancaster, Texas 75146

Dear Donna:

These are the answers to the Customer Identification Codes (CIC) questions that were in your letter dated March 1, 1995:

- 1.) When will United require the 4 digit CIC code be used?

 Currently, Sprint Local Telecommunications Division has not determined a date for when 3 digit CICs will no longer be accepted.
- Will indicator 14 of the EMI messages need to be populated with a 4, 5, 7 or 8?
 Are there any other indicator changes that need to be modified?
 Yes, and the value that you select will be based on your individual need and your choices are as follows:
 - 4 Three Character Carrier Code without modules
 - 5 Three Character Carrier Code with modules
 - 6 Four Character Carrier Code without modules for access (Feature Group B)
 - 7 Four Character Carrier Code without modules
 - 8 Four Character Carrier Code with modules

No, there are no other indicator values that need to be modified.

- 3.) Will testing be necessary before sending live data with a 4 digit CIC?
 No.
- 4.) If testing is necessary, how long will this process take before live data using the 4 digit CIC can be sent?

 No testing is necessary.

Donna Hughes Page 2 March 27, 1995

5.) Are there any written conversion specifications available from United? No. United will follow BellCore standards.

Please contact me or Deb Jewell if you have any questions about these 4 digit CIC code answers.

Sincerely,

Serry Variadoe
Terry Varnadoe

EXHIBIT "9-a"

GTE Telephone Operations Central Area

VIA LAN FAX

March 21, 1995

500 East Carpenter Freeway P. O. Box 152013 Irving, TX 75015-2013

Ms. Donna Hughes VarTec Telecom, Inc. 3200 W. Pleasant Run Road Lancaster, TX 75146

Subject: CIC Expansion Questions

Dear Donna:

Below are the answers to the questions you sent me regarding GTE's CIC expansion project:

1). When will GTE require the 4 digit CIC code be used?

After May 1, 1995 GTE will begin accepting orders with the new 4 digit CIC as of May 1, 1995.

2). Will indicator 14 of the EMI messages need to be populated with a 4, 5, 7 or 8? Are there any other indicator changes that need to be modified?

> After March 27, 1995, you can use the values of 4 or 5 until a test tape is sent to GTE. After the test tape is received then you can use a 7 or 8.

3). Will testing be necessary before sending live data with a 4 digit CIC?

Yes

4). If testing is necessary, how long will this process take before live data using the 4 digit CIC can be sent?

> Approximately 30 days. A PON will need to be submitted 30 days prior to your implementation date. A PON and test tape should be submitted simultaneously (tape identification = 4 digit CIC expansion test)

5). Are there any written conversion specifications available from GTE?

No, not at this time. If one is prepared, I will forward a copy to you.

Ms. Donna Hughes March 21, 1995 Page 2

Donna, I hope this answers your questions. Should you have any additional concerns or questions, please feel free to call me at 214/ 717-2828.

Sincerely,

Denise Nadwodny

Sr. Administrator -

Carrier Technical Sales

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EXHIBIT "9-b"



GTE Telephone Operations

P.O. Box 152092 Irving, TX 75015-2092 **Reply To: HQE02N65**

January 31, 1995

Ms. Connie Mitchell Vartec National, Inc. 3200 W. Pleasant Run Rd. Suite 100 Lancaster, TX 75146

Dear Customer:

The Carrier Identification Code (CIC) Expansion Plan agreed to at the Industry Carriers Compatibility Forum (ICCF) calls for the expansion of Feature Group D CICs to four (4) digits within the very near future. This Expansion Plan can be found in ICCF 92-0726-002, "CIC Administrative Guidelines", which is part of the ICCF Reference Document. GTE plans to begin conversion to the four digit FGD CICs on or about the end of April, 1995.

The expansion of the FGD CIC will require a change in the Carrier Access Code (CAC) that the end user must dial to obtain casual access. The new 101XXXX CAC will be required after the expansion plan is implemented (XXXX represents the four digits of the new CIC). This replaces the 10XXX CAC that is currently being used. Existing three digit CICs will be changed to four digits by simply inserting a zero before the existing three digit CIC, e.g., 999 becomes 0999. The industry was unable to reach a consensus as to the length of the permissible dialing plan where both the three digit and four digit code may be used. As a result, the North American Numbering Plan Administrator has recommended an eighteen month permissible dialing time frame to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). They have not ruled on this recommendation. Eventually, only four digit CICs and seven digit CACs will be allowed.

Your Account Management representative will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Thank You,

Stephen R. Newby
Manager - IC Tariffs

EXHIBIT "9-c"



GTE Telephone Operations

Post Office Box 152092 Irving, TX 75015-2092

Reply To HQE02L22

February 24, 1995

Ms. Connie Mitchell
Sr. Vice President
Corporate Services & Carrier Relations
VarTec Telecom, Inc.
3200 Pleasant Run Road
Lancaster, TX 75146

Subject: IMPLEMENTATION/VALIDATION

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

The following Purchase Order Number (PON) has been implemented:

PON #

DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION

URC-02-GT/CT-XX-A-KDL-2 (SUB CIC REVISION FR ORIGINAL)
CONTEL CENTRAL 12/20/94
GTE SOUTHWEST 12/20/94

Please direct questions to Karen Koestner at 214/718-6377.

Sincerely,

William Karant

Manager-Carrier Billing Services National Account Management

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EXHIBIT "10"



ALLTEL/Northeast Region 2000 Highland Road . Twinsburg, Ohio 44087-2248 (216) 963-1300

March 28, 1995

Donna Hughes VarTec Telecom, Inc. 3200 W. Pleasant Run Road Lancaster, Texas 75146

Dear Donna:

This is in regard to your letter of March 1, 1996 and your questions about the four digit CIC expansion.

- 1. ALLTEL will require the four digit CIC be used whenever the industry standard date is set. Thus far, I am not aware of any date set by the industry that mandates when we will all have to convert to the four digit CIC.
- 2. Indicator 14 of the EMI messages will need to be populated at a 7 or 8. There are no other indicator changes that need to be modified.
- 3. Testing will NOT be required before sending live data with a four digit CIC This also answers question number four.
- 5. ALLTEL has no written conversion specifications available.

If you have any further questions, please call me at (216)963-1826.

Sincerely,

Deborah Watkins

National Account Manager

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ALLTEL/Carrier Services

cc: W. Metcalf

EXHIBIT "11"



Long Distance Company I.D. Codes To Change In May 1995.

You have probably heard that area codes and phone numbers are in short supply, since everyone seems to have cellular phones, pagers, and fax machines. Now there is another type of shortage brought on by competition in the long distance industry: the 3-digit codes used to identify long distance carriers.

The \$55 billion long distance industry has attracted more than 1,000 competitors since equal access became law in 1984.

Equal access allows you to use competing long distance companies on an equal basis, through a process known as "per-call-selection," in which a 3-digit carrier identification code (CIC) is dialed as part of a 5-digit Carrier Access Code (CAC). This CAC allows you to choose an alternate company other than your primary long distance carrier by simply entering the corresponding code for the company after dialing "1" and "0", as in 10XXX, with each "X" representing a CIC digit.

But now with all 1,000 possible CIC number combinations under the 3-digit numbering system taken, a new national 4-digit CIC numbering plan will take its place. The 4-digit system will increase the

number of available GIC codes to 10,000, allowing room for growth. A "0" will be added to the beginning of all existing 3-digit CIC codes to convert them to the 4-digit system. With the new 4-digit CIC codes, the Carrier Access Code (CAC) will change to 7 digits. Callers must dial "1," "0" and "1" before the 4-digit CIC code to make a per-call selection long distance call, as in 101XXXX, with each "X" representing a CIC digit.

Beginning May 8, 1995, everyone in Florida should begin dialing the new 7-digit CAC with all per-call-selection long distance calls.

You will be able to dial either the old 5-digit or new 7-digit CAC codes during a permissive dialing period, but using the new 7-digit code will help create a smooth transition to the new per-call-selection system. The permissive dialing period is designed to give you plenty of time to reprogram any telephones that have the old CAC codes programmed in speed dialing lists, for example.

If you have any questions about the change, please call your local Customer Service Center listed on your phone bill, or dial "0" for operator assistance. The new 4-digit CIC codes can be obtained by calling the long distance companies.

"Watch for additional details in the near future.

United Telephone-Florida Centel-Florida

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